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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD
1678

RESOLVE, FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO
STUDY THE ALLOCATION OF WATER SUPPLY RIGHTS

RESOLVE 1987
c. 27
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: PARADIS E., VOSE, GARLAND, EMERSON
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1200

SUMMARY: The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities has noted that water utilities are finding themselves in increasingly competitive and uncertain situations in finding adequate water supplies to meet the needs of their customers. The original resolve establishes a commission to review the water allocation law applicable in this State, both statutory and common law, to see if additional measures are needed to clarify the issues of water rights and make water available where needed both now and for the future. Funding of \$20,000 is provided from a special assessment of \$10,000 on water utilities and \$10,000 from the General Fund. Their report, including legislative recommendations, is due January 31, 1988.

The new draft requires a study of water supply and allocation like the original bill, but instead of creating a special commission, the new draft has the study done by the Public Utilities Commission, with assistance from other state agencies and input from interested parties. The Public Utilities Commission will report to the Legislature, December 1, 1987. The Joint Standing Committee on Utilities will review the study and introduce legislation if appropriate.